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1. Toshiaki INOUE, "Idenshi Tagata o Riyo shita Shikkan Idenshi Kensakuho, Post Sequence no. Genome kagaku (1) SNP Idenshi Tagata no senryaku", 1st edition, Nkayama-Shoten Co., Ltd., 2000, page 47 to 70
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4. American Journal of Human Genetics, 2000, Vol. 66, pp
1933-1844

Document 1

Document 1 is in the Japanese language. Applicants are not
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Documents 2-4

Documents 2-4 are in the English language.

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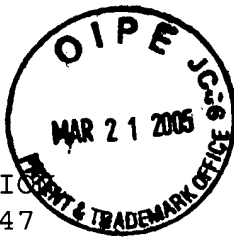
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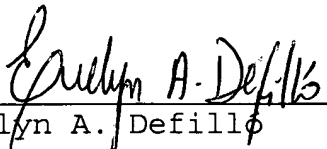
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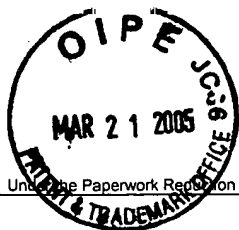
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